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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks below.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.